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The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) released the following update regarding air quality in Bangkok and its surrounding provinces.

Thailand's air quality and situation reports

Tourists can learn about the overall air quality of Thailand monitored daily by the Pollution Control Department, Ministry of Public Health, by visiting the website (link) or downloading the mobile application "Air4Thai" on the App Store (link) or Google Play (link).

TAT advises that tourists should take any necessary precautions which includes wearing a face respirator to prevent breathing in airborne dust particles. For effective protection, consult health-certified personnel when choosing a face respirator.

Thailand's tourism and transport services

All tourism-related services in Bangkok, its surrounding provinces and all destinations across Thailand are operating as usual. These include ongoing tourism activities and services in beach resort destinations especially in the South; such as, Phuket, Krabi and Trang, and in the East, such as Rayong, Chanthaburi and Trat. The overall weather situation of northern Thai destinations; such as, Chiang Rai, Nan and Sukhothai is moderate.

All transport services, including air, rail, road and water transportation are operating as usual. All airports remain open with domestic and international flights landing and taking off as normal.

All events and festivals remain as scheduled, including TAT's Chinese New Year 2019 celebrations planned in Bangkok at Siam Square (February 4 - 6, 2019) and Yaowarat Road (February 5 - 6, 2019), Chiang Mai at Maya Lifestyle Shopping Centre (February 5 - 6, 2019), and Phuket at Central Phuket Floresta (February 5 - 6, 2019).

The Amazing Thailand Marathon Bangkok (ATM) 2019 on February 3, 2019 is also still on schedule, for further updates please visit the official website.

Thailand's measures to tackle the problem and TAT's actions

The Royal Thai Government and authorities are working together on solutions to minimize the impact of the smog for residents and visitors from abroad.

Concurrently, TAT provides ongoing support of the Thai authorities as they develop and implement a sustainable infrastructure to reduce the pollution.

TAT will continue to assess the overall situation and issue timely updates as appropriate. For information about Thailand's tourism information visit: ThailandInsider.com.

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About the Tourism Authority of Thailand

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) was established in 1960 by the Royal Thai Government to be responsible for tourism promotion. Since 1965, TAT has had a presence in the United States, with offices in New York and Los Angeles.

About Thailand

Located just 15 degrees north of the equator, "Amazing Thailand" is one of the Southeast Asia's premier travel destinations and home to well-known tourist locations including the capital city of Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Phuket, Ko Samui and Krabi. Known as the "land of smiles," Thailand features some of the world's finest luxury hotels and resorts, and offers visitors a rich tapestry of exotic architecture, culture, cuisines, traditions and adventures. For more information on Thailand, visit ThailandInsider.com.

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